

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF ANTIOCH WATER
COMPANY TO INCREASE ITS RATES**

DOCKET NO. 99-00584

**AGREEMENT PERMITTING QUESTIONS FROM
THE AUTHORITY STAFF DURING THE HEARING**

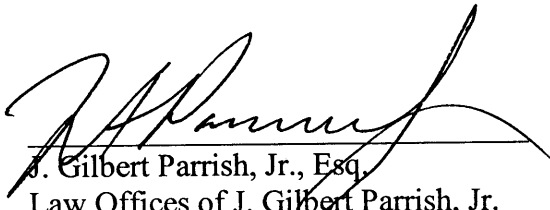
This matter is before the Authority for consideration of the Application of Antioch Water Company ("Applicant") to increase its rates. The Applicant agrees to the participation of the Authority Staff at the Hearing for the purpose of asking questions of witnesses. The Applicant agrees that the Authority Staff's questions of a witness will follow the Applicant's direct examination of a witness and will precede re-direct examination of a witness. The Applicant agrees that the Authority Staff will not become or be deemed a Party of any sort by its participation in the Hearing. Further, the participation of the Authority Staff does not remove it from the role of advisor.

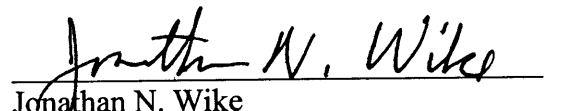
IT IS THEREFORE AGREED THAT:

1. Members of the Staff of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority may pose questions directly to the witnesses in this case proceeding;
2. Questions from the Authority staff will follow the Applicant's direct examination of a witness and will precede re-direct examination of a witness; and

3. Authority Staff's questioning of witnesses does not remove the Authority Staff from the role of advisor and in no way creates the inference that the Authority Staff has become a Party to the proceeding or has acted outside of its purely advisory capacity.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2000.


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